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Dear Colonel Zuck,

In your letter of 3/17/81 you state that AFIP has no records of any kind relating to the assassination of President Kennedy and none "which indicate that pertinent records have been destroyed or transferred elsewhere." This simply cannot be believed.

The AFIP was involved in the autopsy, as my previous letter informs you, and in subsequent inquiries, at least one of which was at the behest of the President. It was involved before the autopsy because it was to have been in charge of the autopsy and the necessary arrangements had been ordered. Lt. Col. Pierre A. Finck, of AFIP, participated in the autopsy. He was interviewed by the Warren Commission, testified before it, was involved in two reviews, one at the Archives and the other for the Attorney General, at the direction of the President (for the former he was abroad, indicating that some record has to exist), and he was a witness in the case of Louisiana V. Shaw. Aside from all the other reasons for there to have been records, these leave no doubt at all.

At the very least there are regulations controlling what happens to records, so at the very least, if you made a good-faith search and found nothing, these regulations are "records which indicate" what happened to them.

The fact that you respond to my last letter the day after you received it in itself indicates that a good-faith search was not made.

If you are determined to leave this historical record one of defamation of the AFIP, the Army and the defense establishment, I will waste no more time trying to defend from the terrible and I am confident false charges made in the cited recent book that has received such widespread attention.

If you had set out to validate these charges, of a monstrous conspiracy to kill the President, you could hardly have done it better.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg